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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5448

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR (HUA KUO-FENG) CH US

SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

REF: STATE 085450

1. NOTE CONTAINING TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND POINTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL WAS HANDED TO MFA AMERICAS AND OCEANIA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LIN PING AT 1430 LOCAL APRIL 9 BY ACTING CHIEF. (INTERPRETER CHAO CHIA WAS ONLY OTHER MFA OFFICIAL PRESENT.) LIN EXPRESSED THANKS AND SAID THE LETTER WOULD BE "REPORTED TO PREMIER HUA RIGHT AWAY." ACTING CHIEF ORALLY ADDED CONGRATULATIONS OF USLO.

2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WILL BE AMONG THE EARLIER ONES. REFTEL ARRIVED WHILE MANY EMBASSIES HERE WERE STILL UNDECIDED ABOUT WHAT TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES--THE PROBLEM BEING THAT THE STATE CONSTITUTION VESTS THE POWER OF APPOINTING THE PREMIER IN THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, NOT THE PARTY POLITBURO OR CENTRAL COMMITTEE. HOWEVER THE JAPANESE EMBASSY, TRUE TO FORM, HAD ASKED THE PRC MFA FOR GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER THE MORNING OF APRIL 8, REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION. IT RECEIVED A CALL FROM MFA THE MORNING OF APRIL 9 ADVISING (IN JAPANESE) THAT THE APPOINTMENT WAS "FORMAL" (ANOTHER TRANSLATION - "OFFICIAL") AND THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE COULD THEREFORE SEND A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE IF IT WISHED. MFA'S REPLY INCLUDED NO REFERENCE TO THE

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CONSTITUTION. TOKYO IS SENDING A MESSAGE, BUT IT HAD

NOT YET ARRIVED AS OF MID-AFTERNOON APRIL 9.) IN LIGHT  
OF MFA GUIDANCE TO THE JAPANESE, AND OF PUBLICITY PRC HAS  
GIVEN TO INITIAL MESSAGES INCLUDING BHUTTO'S, THERE NOW SEEMS TO  
BE A GENERAL RUSH BY EMBASSIES TO RECOMMEND THAT THEIR  
GOVERNMENTS SEND CONGRATULATIONS.  
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